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CENTRIFUGE COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF

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PACKETS OF DISKS

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- I. This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).
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- IV. A check for the filing in the amount of \$1000.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-1010 (677/44540).
- An English Translation of the International Application PCT/EP2004/007518, including 2 sheets of 2 Figures (15 pages).
 - VI. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 with 14 cited references.

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